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## The Hurricane

By Mrs. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi

Thursday night before the Brotherhood banquet we closed and locked the windows and doors except one for ventilation. There were more than 50 at the banquet, for the hurricane had not yet struck. Friday the electric power went off at 3 a.m. We were without communication, except a call early in the morning from my daughter, Alma, at Mississippi College, who was assured of our safety. We donned our rain togs and went to the Beuna Vista Hotel, directly in front of our home, to view the storm.

At 8 a.m. the piers and some boat-houses had gone. Cars left parked at the beachside were awash in the high tide rolling in. We saw the pier pavilion and a cafe nearby go down. Limbs and branches were flying everywhere. The new cars, nearly a dozen of them, were being lifted by each

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The friends of Miss Margaret Lackey will regret to learn of her serious illness. She is in the Baptist Hospital. Mississippi Baptists remember Miss Lackey as the pioneer leader in Woman's Missionary Union. She is 88 years of age.

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## Editor Skeptical Regarding Relics Many Legendary Displays

By A. L. Goodrich

During my recent trip to Europe I was amazed at the number of legendary things either shown by the guides or that were pointed out as being in some stone repository or in some other place.

Below is listed a number of things that were either shown as above mentioned or were listed in the guidebooks. Frankly, I question the authenticity of some of them and my own opinions are given in parentheses.

1. The spot in St. Peter's Cathedral where Peter suffered martyrdom and is buried. (I have never found any authentic history to support the statement that Peter ever was in Rome.)

2. A picture showing Pope Leo IV making the sign of the cross when a

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## MIDDLETON, LIPSEY ARE FOUNDERS DAY SPEAKERS



DR. J. W. MIDDLETON

Dr. J. W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, and Professor Crawford Lipsey of Brookhaven, Mississippi, will be the two speakers on the occasion of Founders' Day at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, October 2. Since Dr. P. I. Lipsey, late editor of the BAPTIST RECORD of Mississippi, and President of the Board of Trustees of the New Orleans Seminary from its foundation, was the father of the idea of having a Seminary in New Orleans, the entire program for Founders' Day will be given over in his honor. Dr. Middleton was pastor to Dr. Lipsey in Clinton, Mississippi, for five years. Professor Lipsey of Brookhaven is one of the noble sons of this great Baptist leader who went to his reward July 16 of this year.

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## Most Coast Churches Are Undamaged

Many Baptists throughout the state are anxious to know how much damage was sustained by the coast churches during last week's hurricane. The following letter from Rev. Joe T. Odle, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, gives the latest facts about the condition of the churches:

Most of our Baptist Churches apparently escaped the hurricane without serious damage. I know concerning Gulfport, First; Gulfport, East Side; Gulfport, Grace Memorial; Long Beach, Past Christian, and Handsboro, and apparently there was little damage to any of them, except some broken windows, and some slight roof damage. Pastor's homes escaped serious damage too. All preachers and their families are all right. I have not heard from Biloxi but First church is back off beach so should be safe. I have no report from Bay St. Louis. The storm was terrible and the damage is great, but the Lord was with us through it all.

I shall send other information that may come in.

## Camp Garaywa Needs \$14,237

ATTENDANCE FOR FIRST CAMPING SEASON WAS 2,514

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM  
PD—MEMPHIS TENN

DR. A. L. GOODRICH—THE BAPTIST RECORD BLDG., JACKSON, MISS.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE RELIEF COMMITTEE MEETS IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 7 TO DRAFT FINAL PLANS FOR GIGANTIC RELIEF PROGRAM. DATA BEING GATHERED AND FOUNDATIONS LAID FOR SENDING IMMEDIATE RELIEF TO THOSE IN NEED. PLANS AND PROGRAM WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. PLEASE REMEMBER COMMITTEE CONSTANTLY IN PRAYER.

R. PAUL CAUDILL, CHAIRMAN

## Tithing Church Will Give 50 Per Cent To Missions

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(BR)—Immanuel Baptist Church here already has 1,090 tithers, but hopes to boost the figure to 2,000 on Tithers' Enlistment Day. The goal represents two-thirds of the entire church membership.

Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr., reports, "Our people are really aroused over this program and I am finding more serious thought given to tithing than ever before in my ministry."

As proof that a tithing church is a growing church, Immanuel reports an ever mounting number of baptisms, and was one of eight churches of the Southern Baptist Convention baptizing more than 200 converts last year. The church maintains seven missions.

Convinced that a tithing church will contribute funds bountiful enough for Southwide as well as local work, the church budget committee plans to give not less than 50 per cent to the Cooperative Program in 1948. A minimum of \$5,000 has been set for the Lottie Moon offering this Christmas.

## JOHNSON DESCRIBES NEEDS OF EUROPEAN BAPTISTS

DALLAS, Tex. —(BP)— Speaking to more than 5,000 Texas Baptists in five stewardship rallies, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, new president of the Baptist World Alliance, envisioned a worldwide relief program where "every carload of clothing will be steeped in the gospel."

"We returned from Copenhagen with the conviction that the greatest good we did was to show the Baptists of Europe they are no longer a little insignificant minority but part of a great group," Dr. Johnson declared.

"We let them know that there is a new day dawning for those overridden by states and state churches," he de-

clared, adding, "It costs something to be a Baptist everywhere in the world except in America."

Describing the spiritual hunger of European Baptists, the World Alliance president quoted a Rumanian whose face was pinched with hunger and physical need; "We do need food and clothing, and wish to thank you for what you have done, but please don't cheat us on the gospel."

"Our first objective is to stimulate evangelism around the world," Dr. Johnson emphasized. This is the one main purpose for which the church exists."

Due to greatly increased costs of material and labor since construction began on Camp Garaywa, Mrs. J. A. Anderson, financial chairman, announces that \$14,237 is still needed to make the camp debt free.

In consultation with the Executive Secretary of Mississippi Baptists, \$14,237.02 was advanced Woman's Missionary Union to pay these bills at once, with the understanding that we dedicate ourselves to the task of raising this money by Oct. 31st—thereby not causing embarrassment to Dr. D. A. McCall and to the Convention Board.

Mrs. Anderson states that receipts from April 1, 1946 through Sept. 20, 1947 totalled \$98,415 and that this money has provided the following:

Administration Building which includes: Auditorium, class rooms, infirmary, nurses quarters, 5 bed rooms, bath room, office and supply rooms (3) and 3 large porches.

Dining Hall-Kitchen Building which

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## NEW DORMITORIES HONOR DR. HEDERMAN AND DR. GUNTER

At a meeting of Mississippi College trustees on September 19 the two girls' dormitories, heretofore designated as North Hall and South Hall, were named Hederman Hall and Gunter Hall, respectively. Hederman Hall was so named because of the long and faithful service of Dr. T. M. Hederman, Sr., and because of the generous gifts made to Mississippi College by the Hederman family.

Gunter Hall is so named in honor of Dr. R. B. Gunter in recognition of his continued friendship to the college and his outstanding service in the Mississippi College Enlargement Campaign as chairman of the Special Gifts Committee. This committee under Dr. Gunter's leadership raised approximately \$100,000.



# EDITOR SKEPTICAL REGARDING RELICS

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great fire was devouring Rome. The picture is said to commemorate the fact that when the sign of the cross was made the fire was miraculously extinguished.

3. A picture showing a priest with a piece of bread and drops of blood falling from the bread. This picture is said to commemorate the fact that the priest doubted the doctrine of Transubstantiation and when he saw the blood his unbelief was immediately cured. The doctrine of Transubstantiation, as held by the Catholics, teaches that the bread of the Lord's Supper, when taken, is miraculously changed into the body of Jesus Christ.

4. The head of John the Baptist. (I request that when I die that my body and head be buried together.)

4. The tombs of Paul and Timothy.

6. The site of the death of Paul.

7. Links from the chain with which St. Peter was bound.

8. The Quo Vadis stone. The legend is that Jesus was standing on the stone when Peter is alleged to have asked the famous question "Quo Vadis?" and the statement is made that the footprints on the stone are the footprints of Jesus. (Either Jesus was a very heavy man or the stone was very soft.)

9. A chair alleged to have been used by Peter during his residence in Rome. (See comment on No. 1)

10. Remains of an ancient baptistry in Florence, Italy, and in Rome at St. John Lateran's Church. These are authentic. Both of them were admittedly used for immersion. They are not now used.

11. The heads of Peter and Paul. See comment on No. 4.)

12. The Holy Stairs. The story is that about the year 326 A.D. Queen Helen, the mother of Constantine the Great, went to Jerusalem and found the stairs and had them transported to Rome where they are now used. (It is a well-known fact that Jerusalem was completely destroyed in the year 70 A.D., 256 years before the stairs were said to have been recovered. Jerusalem was said to have been completely destroyed and Jesus said that one stone would not be left upon another and I seriously doubt that those stones lay around for 256 years. I doubt if they would have lasted that long without the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus.)

13. A piece of the cross at the Sessorian Palace and a piece at St. Peter's Cathedral.

14. A column from the temple at Jerusalem. (See comment on No. 12.)

15. Two thorns from the crown of Jesus.

16. A fragment of the cross.

17. Jesus' manger.

18. In Paris the crown of thorns and a piece of the cross.

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Hebron Church, Jones County Association, voted on September 14, to begin a full-time program. A new and modern 6 room parsonage is now under construction. The pastor, Rev. T. E. Fant, hopes to move in during the week of September 21.

The pastor, R. L. Cooke, thinks that Stewart Church is the only church in Mississippi that has doubled its resident membership within the past 9 months. January 1st the resident membership was 28 and there have been a total of 30 additions in 1947.

## Circulation This Week 58,267 A Gain Of 239 Since Last Report

### New Secretary At Bowmar Avenue



Miss Kathrine Muirhead has joined the staff of Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg, as Church Secretary under the pastorate of Rev. Homer W. Roberson. A native of Warren County, having been reared in the Antioch Community, Miss Muirhead has been active in all the work of her home church and comes to Bowmar Avenue highly recommended. She is a graduate of the Southern Business College, of Vicksburg.

She succeeds Miss Merle Ford who has returned to complete her work at Mississippi College.

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### THE HURRICANE

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huge wave and battered against the curbing. Later these were overturned or completely covered with the debris that kept rolling in with every fresh blast of wind.

Remembering we had said the church would be open as a refuge for those desiring to come, we went and opened the building—just in time. Mrs. O. H. Longcoy, Anne and James arrived. Next the Blaines, with their two small sons, and three other families. We played some games, held a "hymn sing" while the men found a window on the fourth floor from which to view the storm damage. . . Things grew worse. Debris was added everywhere.

The preacher returned from a tour, stating that every restaurant, night club, fish house and joint of whatever kind was gone from the Main street to Couevas, a distance of six blocks, and water eight feet deep was in the U.S.O. and washing across the porch of the Community house. Looters were busy at the height of the storm. One retrieved a slot machine and its contents.

At noon a bountiful luncheon of banquet leftovers was served.

They've always said we hadn't had a hurricane big enough to test the seawall. We've had one now.

(Editor's Note: This message from which we reproduce excerpts was written during the storm at Biloxi, and recounts some of the experiences of those who used the First Baptist Church as a refuge during the hurricane.)

### Mississippi Calendar Of Prayer

September 29—L. U. Amason, Executive Committee Member, Brotherhood of the South; L. L. Brown, Baptist Orphanage Board Member.

September 30—Dr. H. P. James, Mississippi College Faculty Member; Miss Margaret Ray, State Training Union Convention Secretary.

October 1—D. L. Fair, Blue Mountain College Trustee; Dr. E. D. Elliot, Pastor's Advisory Committee, District II Brotherhood.

October 2—L. L. Lackey, Associational Training Union Director; Children of the Baptist Orphanage.

October 3—State Music Convention; N. R. Paschal, President, District III Brotherhood.

October 4—L. T. Lowrey, Baptist Memorial Hospital Trustee; Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., Mississippi College Faculty Member.

October 5—Mrs. Blanche Martin, Blue Mountain Faculty Member; Bradford White, Associational Training Union Director.

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Hurricane Church, Attala County: The revival meeting at Hurricane Church was conducted by Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr. Frank Smith, a student at Mississippi College, led the singing. There were large congregations and a splendid church revival.

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### CAMP GARAYWA NEEDS \$14,237

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includes: dining room, serving room, kitchen, canteen, storage pantries, dietitian's quarters, servants quarters, and large porch.

18 Cabins (Total Camp Capacity 250).

3 Bath Houses

Deep well (8-in—50-gal minute capacity), pump, water line complete.

Storage tank (10,000 gal. capacity).

Swimming pool (Capacity 125 swimmers).

Sewerage and Disposal system.

Property under new fence.

Plumbing and electrical work complete in all buildings.

Equipment complete, with few exceptions.

In addition to the contributions of more than \$98,000, Mississippi College donated the camp site consisting of 40 acres of land and \$44,474 had been accumulated in previous years from special donations and from funds provided by the special State Mission seasons of prayer.

During the past summer the total attendance has been 2,514 which includes 110 Mississippi College students for a three day retreat. Two hundred twenty-three churches and 62 associations have been represented and in the R. A. Camps alone 46 were won to Christ.

The \$14,237 still needed is to be used to pay the following accounts:

Bal. on Swimming Pool \$ 3,626.95  
Bal. on Disposal Contract 2,040.35  
Additional Sewage 2,500.00  
Architect's Fee (Bal.) 1,385.72  
Contractor's Fee (Bal.) 4,000.00  
Fire and Safety Equip. Co. 684.00

Total \$14,237.02

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### Hancock Ordained To Gospel Ministry



Davis Memorial church in Jackson recently ordained R. A. Hancock to the gospel ministry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hancock, and is now a student at Mississippi College. He was reared in Jackson. He has been called as pastor of the Liberty church at Luckney.

In the recent revival at this church, Rev. Hancock was the preacher. The church had a good revival and one was added to the membership. He succeeds Robert Lowe as pastor.

Many friends will extend good wishes for his life services.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

September 21, 1947

Church	S.S.	T.U.
New Albany	507	205
New Albany, including		
North Side Mission	527	
Hattiesburg, 5th Avenue	456	161
Laurel, First	537	162
West Laurel	394	136
Jackson, First	1,052	306
Jackson, Calvary	1,184	290
Jackson, Calvary, including		
Mission	1,225	355
Jackson, Davis Memorial	189	93
Jackson, Van Winkle	303	200
Friendship, Pike County	173	92
Jackson, Northside	336	84
Booneville	262	96
Antioch, Lawrence County	42	
Houlka	85	44
Wallerville	81	20
Centerville	130	45
East McComb	318	190
Darling	52	15
Paynes	125	58
Brookhaven, First	668	104
Batesville, First	185	40
Ellison Ridge,		
Winston County	119	63
Crystal Springs	612	101
Louisville, First	314	79
Lucedale	247	78
Oloh, Marion County	110	112
Hebron, Yazoo County	59	92
Rocky Creek,		
George County	197	111
Pascagoula, First	475	150
Hattiesburg, Main St.	688	271
Gulfport, First	304	108
Soso	111	63
Rocky Springs,		
Yazoo County	26	
Center, Union County	133	42
O'Tuckolofa, Yalobusha		
County	63	
September 14, 1947		
Soso	127	104
Lucedale	253	92
Chalabyeate	57	39
Oloh, Marion County	117	132
Carmel, Lawrence County	135	115
Darling	64	34

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Rev. Charles Magee of Indianola has accepted the pastorate of Oakland Church in Yalobusha County and preached his first sermon on September 21. There were 3 additions by letter. He expects to move to Oakland in the next few weeks.



# Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12.

## I

Our new 1947 State Mission booklet is now available for those who care to read it individually or use it for study purposes with a group. We think the cover is the most beautiful we have seen put out in our denominational life. It is packed with information and inspiration about Mississippi Baptist work. We are sending it to some church leaders. Please feel free in writing for your copy.

State Missions Day in the Sunday School is about one month off, coming Sunday, October 26. Large preparation should be made for studying and spreading State Missions at this season. The State Missions Committee is mailing out to individuals over 100,000 offering envelopes about the tenth of October.

## II

We had a good time with Pastor Kermit Canterbury and his folks at Charleston. The congregation pretty well filled the house, and listened attentively. We baptized Brother Canterbury and watched him with appreciation during his young and growing years. His wife is a fine helper.

In the afternoon, we flew on to Greenville for a LeTourneau mass meeting in First Church. Dr. Strathearn, Director of the LeTourneau Foundation, had phoned us from New York City requesting us to make this meeting if possible. Dr. Elliott presided in his gracious manner, a men's choir led the singing, and Dr. LeTourneau was at his best. Great hour!

## III

Question: "Is any 'overhead' or promotional expense charged by the Convention Board office against W.M.U. specials?" asks a Delta lady.

Answer: Absolutely not! All this money goes as given!

We couldn't go far without distribution coming up! Well, we want the truth in these matters.

## IV

### Some Bible Teachings About Money

1. God is the creator and owner of all things including ourselves, our powers, and our possessions (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1; Deuteronomy 8:18).
2. What we possess we have received as a trust from God; we are his stewards and must render an account (1 Corinthians 4:2; Romans 14:7, 8; Romans 14:12).
3. We ought to acknowledge our stewardship and help in winning the world to Christ by contributing at least one tenth of our income to the Lord's work (Deuteronomy 14:22; Leviticus 27:30-32; Malachi 3:10; Matthew 23:23).
4. We ought to make special gifts "over and above" the tithe as we are able and as the needs require (2 Corinthians 8:1-5).
5. Our contributions to the Lord's work should be made cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7); liberally (Luke 6:38); regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2); and as a part of our worship (Psalm 96:8).

## V

A person is drowning. Two men jumped into a boat and started rowing with steady strokes toward the drowning person. Another bystander springs into action by grabbing a rope and hurling one end of it with all his energy toward the drowning person. Another bystander summons all his energy and throws a life preserver to the drowning person. Three strong swimmers dive into the water and literally make the water foam as they race toward the drowning person.

That scene has been enacted in one way and another in one place and another and with different people involved over and over again! It is all worthwhile! Suppose someone had said, "Why make all this fuss about one person drowning. Why not just let one person swim out and rescue one drowning person? To do more is a waste of time and energy!" However, such is cold reasoning, if you please, when someone is drowning.

The world is on fire, is sinking, is dying in death, sin and hell! It does seem some church members, some churches, and some church leaders would show a little more energy and enthusiasm in the fact of the issues involved. People are going to hell, but the overhead is too great! People are lost, but there is something I do not like about the Co-operative Program! Sin has multitudes in its grasp, but some must build their pet plans!

How can we face sin, death, and hell, and do nothing in soul winning with the millions about us lost? How can we face the facts of sin, death, and hell, and then as a people give for the spread of the gospel and the work of Christ only 3 per cent of our income when the word of God teaches we should give 10 per cent as a minimum? How can we face the facts of sin, death, and hell, and then see 400 of our churches go for a whole year without giving one penny for the spread of the gospel and the work of Christ through the Co-operative Program? How can we face the facts of sin, death, and hell with over 200 of our churches not winning or baptizing one person within twelve whole months of a calendar year?

Technicality, strife, hatreds, evasions, arguments, personal hate, manipulations, dictation, domineering, maneuvering, and such like will never be attractive to lost people as we talk to them about Christ.

## VI

We have recently had reports from our helpers in the Baptist Record Mailing Department to the effect that a number of churches are behind with payments on their subscription list. We feel three months is long enough to carry any subscription account for any individual or a church. When we took

over the responsibilities of Business Management we found many accounts in bad shape. Because of our leniency there has been an increasing tendency toward the same thing in recent months. We want everybody to get the Baptist Record. Printing, paper, and salaries have all increased the last few years. We will greatly appreciate it if those charged with responsibilities will see that accounts are paid promptly. We feel we must drop subscriptions that are more than three months in arrears. This is also the King's Business, and related to the spread of the Gospel.

## VII

The matter of apartments for retired ministers, mentioned frequently by Bryan Simmons, is altogether a worthy one, and we hope something may be done about it.

Brother Simmons recently sent a remittance for a church that had not done anything through the Co-operative Program for the first six months of this year. That is typical of his fine spirit.

## VIII

### GIVING A LIFE

By Duke K. McCall

The three-month tithing emphasis sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention will give a lift to everything Baptists do. The immediate response of all of the state conventions in adopting the three-month emphasis as their program or integrating it with a previously planned program is assurance of success. The enthusiastic reaction of pastors and laymen indicates that they see in this effort an opportunity to answer all the special financial appeals being made of them as well as to provide for the enlargement of the local church program.

### Lift The Level

Recent news statements reveal that Americans are currently giving 1 per cent of their income to religious causes. Southern Baptists are giving approximately 2 per cent of their income to Baptist causes. Remembering that half of the Americans are not members of any religious organization, it appears that Southern Baptist giving is identical with the average church member in the land.

The Southern Baptist denomination stands twentieth in the twenty-six major denominations in stewardship (per capita gifts to all purposes). It stands eighteenth in the twenty-six major denominations in giving to missions.

The unique quality of our Baptist message demands a higher level of stewardship than that of the average member of the average religious group. The authority of the Commission and the missionary imperative of the Baptist spirit demand a higher place in the rank of the religious denominations in terms of faithfulness to the spreading of the gospel.

Surely the level of giving required in the Old Testament is not too high a standard by which Southern Baptists should measure their stewardship. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Let us lift the level from 2 per cent to 10 per cent for the spread of the gospel.

### Lift The Lid

Some churches have placed a lid, a ceiling, on contributions beyond the local church program. This is done by saying that all gifts beyond a certain amount shall be used for some local project such as a new building. It may take the course of setting a specific amount to be sent from the church for the Co-operative Program each month or year.

During the period of this special three-month tithing emphasis, let us lift the lid that all state and Southwide causes and our worldwide witness may share in the increased giving of the people. At least three reasons prompt this suggestion:

1. The vision of giving to the whole world will stimulate the giver and immediately justify the higher level of his giving.
2. It is only fair that state and Southwide agencies which have contributed greatly to this effort should share in the results.
3. By lifting the lid to allow increased giving to flow through the channels

### Lift The Load

of the Co-operative Program, we will avoid developing the habit of designation of gifts to state and Southwide objects.

Christian statemanship counsels us to respond adequately for all calls and causes within the purpose of God. No Christian can limit his witness to Jerusalem for Christ said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8). A Baptist serves but one master yet serves him through many channels.

Which corner of a sack of meal do you pick up? The question itself is foolish. Put the whole sack on your shoulder and carry it away.

The appeal to every Southern Baptist to tithe for at least three months is an effort to lift the whole load at one time.

The increased load of obligation and opportunity being carried by our local churches is indicated by the increase of indebtedness on church buildings. Between 1944 and 1946 this indebtedness jumped from six to sixteen million dollars. A survey by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee indicates that Southwide agencies require an additional twenty-one million dollars to carry their share in world evangelization. Special appeals from state objects in the amount of forty million dollars for schools, eighteen million dollars for hospitals, two million dollars for orphanages indicate the greater load being carried by state convention objects.

"Prove me now, saith the Lord"



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### Do It Now

Congratulations on a task well done! Elsewhere in this issue you will find a statement concerning the "financial need" of Camp Garaywa. The amount of \$14,210.02 is a very small balance when viewed in the light of what has been done—\$142,889.68 given by interested individuals to help provide a place adequate to the continuance of the splendid summer camps for the young people of Mississippi and in addition provide a place for other denominational meetings. Garaywa will prove a great State Mission agency.

The more than 2500 young people who were in the first camping season gained much that will bless the 223 churches from which they came. The personnel of the camp believes that "missions begins where you are"—as evangelism is given a primary place in the plans.

Every Baptist interested in the spiritual development and growth of our Baptist youth should immediately make a contribution through your church designated for Camp Garaywa that this small balance needed can be cleared.

—BR—

### Try The Tithe And Triumph

By Robert G. Lee, D.D.  
"Prove me" — Malachi 3:10

At the funeral of Caesar, Antony, claiming "neither wit nor words nor worth", spoke of putting a tongue in every wound of Caesar "that should move the stones of Rome to rise and mutiny". In behalf of the proposed three-month trying-of-the-tithe endeavor among Southern Baptists, I could put a tongue in several things and let them speak for me.

"Try me", says MERCURY. So we drop mercury into naphthalene—and change it into phthalic acid.

"Try me", says WATER. So, by heating water, we expand it twelve hundred times—and get mighty steam which moves massive juggernauts of steel...

"Try me", says COAL TAR. So

the chemist makes coal tar give birth to a substance five hundred times sweeter than the honey of the bee.

"Try me", speaks TOLUENE. "Combine me with chlorine and then treat me with cyanide". So we combine chlorine, one of the poisonous war gases and with cyanide (a deadly poison)—and we get a non-poisonous, health-aiding substance which is a harmless medicine for children.

"Try me", says water, "on the desert". And so, by means of irrigation, water is turned on the desert—and it blossoms as the rose and bears fruit as the fruitful orchard.

"Try me", speaks the sleeping ore of the mountains. So, we have the marvel of roaring machinery—and millions of iron arms and hands and whirling wheels serve us.

"Try me", says the Tithe, to harassed finance committees, to brethren bothered about debts, to churches where money is counted by drives rather than by dollars, in churches where dollars are scarce rather than plentiful.

"Try me—and triumph!" speaks God's tithe. "And there will be marvelous things known and spoken of the church more wonderful than are brought to pass in the chemical kingdom or in the scientific realm. So, when it is tried, it ever results in blessing and never in blight. And the triumph of the tithe is testified to in the deepening of the spiritual life of the tithers."

The triumph of the tithe is evidenced in the tither's life in that carelessness in the matter of the stewardship of money disappears—in that weariness in well-doing departs—in that the Christian's acquiescence in God's ownership of all the Christian possesses is made a certainty.

"Try me!", cries the Tithe. So we find that the tithe is a good starting point in the stewardship of money, but not necessarily a stopping place. The tithe is the minimum, not necessarily the maximum. Triumph by the tithe—and keep on proving God by it—and there will be no selfish use of the remainder, no living luxuriously on the other ninety percent. I have never known a Christian who diligently tithes his income to live in selfish indulgence on the rest.

What a triumph in that men will master money and make it a good servant of God! What a triumph of the tithe will be seen in every missionary program of the church! What a triumph in that the church would be healthy and strong! Yes—and missions would be cared for abundantly. And church debts would be paid readily. And necessary buildings for Christian institutions made a matter of glad certainty. And many will cease to be interested only in their own pleasure or their own estate. And daily would Christians be found adorning the doctrine of stewardship. And week by week would Christians prove to the world that they honor God with their pocketbooks as well as with their hearts. And at home and abroad, in the churches and in business, would God be honored. And thus would the coming of

Christ be hastened. And thus would Christians have the joy which is ever rich and abiding. And thus would they come to experience God's precious promise:

Note God's Word:

"The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself" (Prov. 11:25).

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (Prov. 19:17).

Anybody ought to be satisfied with that security. Therefore, try the tithe—and triumph over any fear of insecurity. It is literally true that the more we give to God the more God will give to us.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (II Cor. 9:6).

Therefore, try the tithe—and triumph over a sense of losing in giving. 'Tis sad that many have never learned that to give nothing, is a misery, that to give something is a grace, that to give the tithe is a wise thing, that to give more abundantly is joy!

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### Ministerial Advice From Laymen

We have heard recently some reasons some people of the pews don't like to hear some preachers of the pulpits.

It has been interesting to hear some of these comments concerning preachers.

One of the most common complaints is that the preacher is too long-winded (perhaps the preacher went five minutes over time).

Another complaint—"He is too dramatic and gives too many illustrations."

Frequently we hear this, "He is a Bible preacher, but he puts me to sleep. He is a better teacher than preacher."

Occasionally, we hear, "If that preachers would just practice what he preaches, I could enjoy what he says."

On the other hand we have heard some very favorable comments about preachers, such as "He preaches with ease and power." "I didn't realize that he had preached an hour as he was so interesting."

After hearing the various comments we wonder if it wouldn't be fitting to give preachers a little advice—that is, to study God's word and to make it a part of you, and don't go into the pulpit until you have spent much time on your knees asking God to endue you with power from on high that you might be able to represent Him and help people to recognize that life is vain without Christ.

No preachers can lead the people any higher than he has been led.

### Greenville First Has Busy Summer

Next month will mark the close of the second year of Dr. E. D. Elliott as pastor of First Baptist Church in Greenville, according to news received here. Approximately 400 have been added to the membership during this time. Since April, 24 adult men have been baptized. The new educational plant is expected to be ready by Christmas. A large increase in gifts to the cooperative program will be noted this year, and the tithing campaign is in progress.

The pastor will begin a revival October 5. Marion Giddens, choir director, has enlisted 40 of his goal of 50 voices in the choir. The Vacation Bible School was a record in attendance this year. There has been no summer slump, but all the work is progressing.

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### N. W. Pastors Elect Martin

Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference met Sept. 16 at the Batesville Church with President A. T. Cinnamond, of Senatobia presiding and with the largest attendance noted for the year.

Reports from the pastors showed excellent work during the summer and the program featured three addresses. Dr. Chas. S. Henderson of Memphis, pastor at Horn Lake, discussed "The Minister and Good Taste"; Rev. F. V. McFaridge of Coldwater spoke on "The Doctrine of Eternal Punishment"; and Rev. Milton C. Whitten of Hernando discussed the Book of Jonah.

To succeed Rev. V. R. Crider of Sardis, who has left the state, Rev. Robert W. Martin of Batesville was elected secretary-treasurer and Rev. Kermit Canterbury of Charleston was elected vice-president.

Visitors welcomed at the meeting were Mr. Auber J. Wilds of Oxford, president of the State Convention, Rev. W. R. Richerson, pastor of the Batesville Methodist Church, and Robert E. Lee of Batesville.

Others taking part in the conference included Brethren Walton E. Lee and C. H. Skutt of Como, M. G. Reedy of Crenshaw; J. Millstead of Charleston; M. G. Reedy of Crenshaw; H. L. Martin of Senatobia, Claude L. Howe and J. W. Oliver of Courtland; E. R. Henderson of Grenada; J. H. Sherman of Pope; L. J. Crumby of Coffeeville and W. F. Garner of Sardis.

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Visitors to the Baptist Record Office recently have been: Rev. M. M. Brown, Clinton; Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. G. L. Taylor, Agricola; Rev. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Rev. Charles L. Phipps, Newton; Chas. R. Odom, Ellisville; Reid C. Ware, Ellisville; Miss Frances Barbour, Nashville, Tenn.;

M. E. Oliver, Beaumont; Rev. and Mrs. Joe E. Jones, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. E. A. Herron, Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. and Mrs. Percy M. Cooper, Lucedale; Rev. Stafford Hebert, Bogalusa, La.; Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Milner, Jackson; Jake Hebert, Orange, Texas; Dr. F. Bredabe Petersen and Mrs. Helen Marie Petersen, Copenhagen, Denmark; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City; James L. May, Jackson; R. B. Garrett, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Rev. R. C. Bounds, Weathersby; H. A. Turner, Weathersby; Mrs. O. F. Montgomery, Jackson.



# BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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Associates: Joe Abrams, Louise Hill, Clarice Conner, Alene Johnson

## OLOH KEEPS UP

### INTENSIVE STUDY PROGRAM

The Oloh Baptist Church in Marion Association, Rev. F. G. Wilborn, pastor, is a progressive study course church. Already this year several study courses have been held. Recently, September 7-12, they had one of the best the church has ever had. It was the pleasure of the State Training Union department to co-operate in this by having two of our workers help. Misses Conner and Hill. The average attendance for the week was 108 with the expectation of 100 awards being issued. Rev. G. L. Taylor of Agricola and Brother Wilborn were also members of the faculty, Brother Taylor teaching the Adults with an attendance of 37. Brother Wilborn teaching the Intermediates with an attendance of 18. Brother Wilborn in reporting the weeks work said "It was almost like a revival." It just shows when the pastor and church appreciate the full worth of a study course which develops Christian character and enlists in church membership activities, gives it right-of-way for the week, like an evangelistic program would have. The results are most gratifying. That can also be said for any organization of the church. The pastor as leader and the church as such MUST rightly appreciate its FULL program for that program to be a success. Thanks to Oloh for their example.

Hinds-Warren Association has already set the date for their simultaneous Training Union Enlargement Campaign for 1948. Plans are already being made to enlist EVERY church. The date will be October 3-8. Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough, Association Director says "It will be the greatest such campaign Mississippi has had." The State Training Union is cooperating in this and shall look forward to a great week.

Jones County Association, as announced by Missionary John W. Cook, has already set the date for a simultaneous enlargement campaign for 1948. The date, November 1-5. Mr. Cook says his campaign this year was the largest in point of church co-operating ever held in Mississippi, and they expect to hold this record for 1948. Again the State Training Union is cooperating and looks forward to another great week.

## PEARL RIVER REPORTS

### GREAT MEETING SEPTEMBER 7TH

Thanks to Missionary S. J. Rhodes of Pearl River Association for a good report on their last Associational Training Union meeting. This meeting was held with the First Picayune church on the afternoon of Sunday September 7th. The program was unique in that it was departmentized. The Juniors were in a room to themselves and one of the unions in the association gave a demonstration program setting forth an ideal program. This was also done with the Intermediates, Young People and Adults. At the same time there was a meeting of General officers at which a demonstration of the General Assembly program was given. There were 338 present from 15 churches. Bro. Rhodes

says "It was the best associational meeting we have ever had." Officers for the new year were elected and so the program will suffer no slow down.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(1) Juniors, (2) All others

Sunday: (1) psm. 95 1-6, (2) 2 Tim. 1 1-14.

Monday: (1) Psm. 27:1-4, (2) Acts 16:1-5; 17:10-15.

Tuesday: (1) Psm. 34:1-4, (2) Phil. 2:19-23; 1 Cor. 4:16-17.

Wednesday: (1) Psm. 103: 17-22, (2) 1 Tim. 1:1-3; 2 Tim. 2:10-15.

Thursday: (1) Matt. 28:16-17, (2) Titus 1:4-5; 2:1-15.

Friday: (1) Phil. 2:5-11, (2) Phil. 4:1-6.

Saturday: Sunday School Lessons.

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## NORTHSIDE SECRETARY



Miss Rachel Waggener began her work as full time Educational Secretary at Northside Church in Jackson during the summer and has already won a great place in the hearts of the people. Miss Waggener is a native of Jackson and a former member of Parkway Baptist Church. A 1946 graduate of Mississippi College, she taught last year in the Clinton public school. Gifted in music, she serves as the church pianist and director of the Junior and Intermediate Choirs. She also serves efficiently as office Secretary and in various capacities in the Educational Program of the church. Northside leaders declare, "With personal charm and genuine consecration, she is rendering a splendid service in our growing work."

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## AIDED BY MISSIONS



All who gave through State Missions and the Co-operative Program helped erect this attractive little church building shown above. All the good work done in teaching, training, and preaching through the years will be in part because Mississippi Baptists helped when help was needed.



# BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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DAUNIE JEAN SMITH, Office Secretary



Leader of the singing for the State BSU Convention at Meridian Oct. 31-Nov. 2, will be Mr. E. N. Elsey, who is head of the Music Department at Mississippi College.

## POTPOURRI

Wasn't Co Griffin's description of her experiences in Hawaii good as it appeared in a recent Record. . . All of us were blessed by her talk at the State Pre-School Retreat at Clarke. . . College musicians should try to attend the State Music Convention at 1st Church, Jackson, Oct. 3-4. . . The Oct. issue of the Baptist Student is chuck full of good morsels for the

mind and heart. . . Was privileged to speak on State Missions and the Coop. Program at Yalobusha Ass'n, meeting with Tillabota Church, of which Cecil Sutley, of Miss. College, is pastor. Chicken and the fixin's followed on the ground. . . Hotel men removed all movable objects except Gideon Bibles during the Amer. Legion Con., in N. Y. C. . . The Univ. of Mr. has discovered that a snail travels .000363005 miles per hr. . . Nexus is the name of the fine BSU paper coming from Sou. Bapt. Hosp., New Orleans. . . Received first '47 issue of Jones Junior's BSU Key the other day. . . And Vol. 3, No. 9 of Scribbles from Y. P. Dept. of 1st Jackson's T. U., has arrived. . . Happened to be in Oxford recently and ran smack into Ole Miss' Pre-School Retreat. Their theme: "Kept by the Power of God." Enjoyed spending a few minutes with Miss Leavell, Dr. Purser, Lewis Nobles, Joe Jack Hurst, Va. Melvin, Bob Ellis, Ralph Harding, Jackie Bowen, Bob Price, Juanita Avent, Tommy Watts, Carolyn Robertson. . . Eva Lois and I enjoyed a fairly recent weekend at Winona Lake Bible Conference with the J. B. Parkers. Mrs. Billy Sunday was the best we heard. . . Attempted to teach "The People Called Baptists" to a group of Young Adults at First, Jackson, recently.

# Heroic Response In Churches For Western College

By Willis J. Ray

The Spirit of God is upon Southern Baptists in Arizona as they launch out to establish a Christian college in the west. Emmanuel church, Tucson, with 67 members, had a suggested goal of raising \$500 of the \$50,000. The church, just one year old, with no wealth among its membership has just purchased property and erected a building at a cost of \$8,000. However, a week before the campaign was to open Pastor Bland Kerby, a former Texas preacher led in the offering. Two individuals gave \$500 each, others gave \$250, \$100. A 17-year-old blind boy gave \$10, and the eight-year-old son of the pastor gave a much-prized silver dollar. The membership pledged \$1,964, about half paid in cash, with one of the leading laymen not yet having made his pledge. Eastside Baptist Church, Phoenix, with a membership of 250, had a goal of \$2,500. Pastor Frank Sutton urged his people to be ready to sign pledge cards the next Sunday, stating pledge cards were on the table to be passed out next Sunday. To his amazement, the members gathered around the table and signed pledge cards totaling \$2,800. The college campaign was launched in this church along with the other 55 Southern Baptist churches in the state on September 14.

Friends outside of Baptist ranks are anxious to see a Christian college in Arizona. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for Southern Baptists in the West.

# MACON CHURCH INSTALLS BALDWIN GRAND PIANO

Last week the Vaughan Piano Company of Columbus, Miss., installed a new Baldwin Grand Masterpiece Piano in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Macon. This beautiful instrument, added to the Everett Organ and the recently installed Beach Chimes, gives this church excellent and complete musical equipment for all services of the church.

The installation of the piano at this time was made possible through the generous gift of Deacon and Mrs. N. C. Jensen as a Memorial to their son, Corp. N. Gray Jensen, who gave his life in the service of his Country while serving in the Air Forces in China.

Dedication of this beautiful instrument was at the morning service Sunday, Sept. 14.

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The Evansville Church, Tate County, recently had one of the most soul-inspiring revivals they have had in many years. Rev. Oliver Pittman, pastor of the Levi Church, Memphis, did the preaching and the pastor, L. B. Kenley, had charge of the music. A 15 minute prayer service preceded the meetings. Mrs. Jimmy Baker was the chairman for these meetings. There was an average attendance of 53 at the morning services and 117 at the evening services. There were 18 additions, 15 for baptism. Among those baptized was a man 78 years of age.

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates a large list of renewal subscriptions from Morgan's Chapel, Oktibbeha County. The list was sent by Moody C. Vickers. Such faithfulness has enabled the Baptist Record to reach a circulation mark of more than 58,000 weekly.



## Department Of Temperance Activities

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MERLE WALLEY, Office Secretary

Miss Merle Walley, our office secretary, leaves us to accept a position in the English Department in the high school of her home town, Leaks-ville. It has been a great joy to work with her in this department and it is with deep regret that we give her up. We congratulate the school at Leaksville on securing her services. She will be an invaluable asset to their faculty. Miss Walley is tops in every respect, and will prove her stirring quality quickly wherever she goes. She has won her way indelibly into the hearts of all the workers at Baptist Headquarters. We have suffered a great loss. Our prayers shall follow her in this new work.

### THE BLOODY MONSTER, DRINK

(continued)

The propaganda is being spread by the liquor crowd that you cannot enforce prohibition laws. This is not true. Many of our Mississippi counties are enforcing their liquor laws in a marvelous way. Every county can do the same if they put men of character in their law enforcement offices, men who are not quizzings nor traitors. This law can be just as easily enforced as any other law where the people are determined that it shall be enforced.

A bottle of beer or liquor legally sold, with the State getting the revenue, will cause a man to kill his best friend just as quickly as a bottle of "moon-shine" liquor sold by a bootlegger. It makes no difference who sells it, whether it is legally or il-

legally sold, who gets or does not get the revenue, nor what is done with it. It is what it does that makes us fight it. When it is legally sold, it is more subtle and treacherous because it is given at least a degree of respectability. It is also more easily accessible.

The trend in our nation is back toward prohibition or on toward the legal elimination of alcoholic beverage. Local option elections are being held throughout the nation with amazing results. Almost all of them are won by the dry forces. Texas has 139 dry counties. Arkansas has won 33 county-wide local option elections within the last three years. Louisiana has 19 dry parishes. Kentucky, the wettest state in the Union, has 92 of her 120 counties bone dry by local option election. Fourteen of the remaining 28 are partially dry. Alabama has 47 of her 67 counties dry. Some of our weak people are swallowing the wet propaganda, hook, line and sinker. They say: "Oh, I am not for the open saloon. I am for control." Control? One just as well talk about controlling lightning or dry powder with a match struck to it as to talk about controlling a narcotic, habit-forming, poisonous, enslaving drug. Nonsense. Such prattle is playing into the hands of the liquor forces. Alabama tried the control method with her State-owned liquor stores, but they soon saw the folly of such and 47 of her 67 counties have been voted dry.

(To be Continued)

### Northside To Be Promoted, Observes Anniversary Soon

By W. Lowrey Compere, Pastor

Perhaps I should say that Northside Baptist Church, Jackson will be promoted from the Intermediate to the Young Peoples' Department on this Promotion Day, for this growing church is seventeen years old this month and will observe its anniversary on Sunday September 28 with a service built around the placing of the cornerstone in the new building

under construction, and with special offerings being brought that day for the Building Fund.

This Anniversary season finds Northside (1) well along with the construction of a building adequate for four times the present membership; (2) continuing its policy of giving 20 per cent of its income to denominational causes, although engaged in the tremendous building program; (3) expanding its staff of workers and using its enlarged present quarters to care for the growing constituency.



Blue Mountain College Grandchildren: Top, Walter Wilds Marston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Marston (Lucy Carleton Wilds), Iron Mountain, Michigan; bottom, Bruce Hardin Phillips, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hardin; Phillips (Peggy Chastain, Monticello, Kentucky). Their pictures will appear in the October number of the college bulletin.

—BR—

The Training Union of Friendship church, Pike county, recently had a very successful study course. There was an average attendance of 100, with near that number taking the examination. The books taught were as follows: Southern Baptists in World Service, taught by Pete Brewer; Field of Service, taught by M. Gleen Smith, Pastor; Messengers of Light, taught by Mrs. W. W. White; and the Junior Mannual taught by Mrs. Glenn Smith. The work is already feeling the good effects of this study.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

Pastor C. E. Bass reports a good meeting at Antioch in Lawrence County. There were ten additions to the church, nine of them by Baptism. Also a good meeting at Providence church in which sixteen were received, most of them for baptism.

Pastor J. T. Upton reports a fine meeting with the Carrollton Church. He says the meeting began on last week in June and while there was only one who joined for Baptism, the meeting in many respects was a great meeting, the church was deeply stirred by the strong gospel messages and the attendance was the best in years. Brother W. A. Sullivan, pastor at Okolona did the preaching.

George T. Douglas reports one of the greatest meetings Wesson ever held in the town of Wesson. Brother W. B. Holcomb is the greatly loved pastor. His oldest son Rev. H. R. Holcomb came on April the 23 and preached for eight days. The people came from all over the county. One of the oldest citizens said we have never witnessed anything like it in Wesson. But the climax came in the last morning service when the preacher called for volunteers for special service and sixty odd young men and women came and took their stand by the side of the preacher and consecrated their lives to the Master, saying we will go where He wants us to go and will do what He wants us to do. All of them were active workers in the Sunday School.

### Say Pope Unable To Accept Prize

ROME —(RNS)— Rumors that the Nobel Peace Prize would be awarded to Pope Pius XII for his efforts to promote concord among nations caused only a ripple of interest in Vatican circles. The rumors were based on reports from Swedish sources and were given wide circulation in the Italian press.

Vatican officials declared that even if the Nobel Prize is given to Pope Pius, he would not be able to accept it, because, as Vicar of Christ, he is "above any human appreciation."

## WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR CHURCH BUDGET

Do not fail to set aside enough money in your church budget to send THE BAPTIST RECORD to every resident family on your church roll. In the event your church does not operate on a budget, then all you will need to do is recommend to your church: "That we include The Baptist Record in our appropriations for Sunday School, Training Union, and other literature."

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## Department of Church Music

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### FALL PLANS PREPARED

At the beginning of the fall and winter season churches will do well to inaugurate a larger music program. Some could use an entire program of graded choirs. Others could use part of it. How about the following program:

Cherrb Choir—For Beginner and Primaries

Carol Choir—For Juniors

Choral Choir—For Intermediates

Chapel Choir—For Young People

Church Choir—For Adults

Use the book "Programs and Materials for the Graded Choirs", 50c from our department.

### STATE MUSIC CONVENTION

Every musician in Mississippi should attend our State Music Convention October 3-4, 1947 at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

### MUSIC BUDGET

Now is the time to ask your Budget Committee for a music allowance for next year.

Included in this amount there should be enough to take care of an extra set of books for choir, other music, tuning piano and organ. Add 25 or 50 hymnals for your auditorium to take the place of those that have drifted away.

### THE DIRECTOR

The Director of Church Music should know the following:

1. Know your Hymnal and Music.
2. Know your Singers.
3. Know how to get people to work.
4. Known how to use your hand.

### ELECT AN ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC DIRECTOR

It is hoped that every association will elect a director to work with our District Directors.

### OUR NEW HYMN BOOK

Our new hymnal "Voice of Praise" will be in the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Mississippi, October 1. It will be about the size of "Songs of Faith." If you need books for your Sunday School and Training Union, it would pay you to wait for it.

### GRADED CHOIRS

We have a pamphlet entitled "The Age Group Choir Plan" that explains about these choirs. C. A. Holcomb has written a book "Methods and Materials for the Graded Choirs." Write us about this book which sells for 50c and also about the pamphlets.

### THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Many are asking about Christmas music and some requests have come for Thanksgiving music. All of this will be on display at our State Music Convention, October 3-4, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

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Rev. Otis D. Ashworth is a real friend to the Baptist Record. He recently sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from New Hope Church in Simpson County. This kind of help enables the Baptist Record to reach more than 58,000 homes every week.

## Glade In Revival

In the revival at Glade Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., Rev. G. P. Dismukes from Prichard, Alabama was the visiting evangelist. The meeting was from August 10-22, with an all day service on the ground August the 17. Dinner was served and at three o'clock there was a service in which there was \$1112 raised for the new building. The meeting closed with 32 additions, 14 by baptism.

This church has been organized since April 20, 1947. It started off with 30 charter members and now has grown to the membership of 122. The church called Rev. H. F. Williams as pastor, May 11, 1947. He is now attending Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Miss.

## Antonina Canzoneri Sails For Nigeria, West Africa

Miss Antonina Canzoneri, of Lebanon Junction, Ky., former resident of Clinton, sailed from New Orleans, Sept. 16 on the S. S. Del Rio for Nigeria, West Africa, where she will serve as a medical missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention for a term of three years.

She is a graduate of Clinton High School, Mississippi College, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas and Vanderbilt School of Nursing.

Miss Canzoneri visited briefly in Biloxi with Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge enroute to New Orleans. Mr. Hodges pastor of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi. The Hodge's accompanied Miss Canzoneri to New Orleans.

I saw in last weeks issue of The Record that one church had all Sunday School officers and teachers elect agreeing to tithe. That is a fine record, or at least I think so, for all the church, Sunday School, and B.T.U. officers and teachers of the West Salem Church of Greene County are tithers. There are others of the church who tithe in addition to these. It is a great joy to pastor a church like that. The beauty of it is they do not tithe to prove God, they tithe because they love Him. And West Salem is a record reading church. C. B. Saucier, Pastor.

Corinth Church, Lebanon Association, held their annual revival recently with Rev. G. E. Wells of Magnolia, doing the preaching. There were 17 additions, 12 by baptism. The church also recently held a VBS, with Miss Beatrice Walley as principal. Others assisting were Mrs. N. E. Deas, Mrs. C. L. Odem, Mrs. R. Daughrill, and Inez Engle. Rev. Troy Sumrall is pastor of the church.

# Arizona and the West Need Christ

Thousands Never Hear Gospel

Sixty-eight percent of our 700,000 population in Arizona claim no church affiliation. Of the thirty-two percent which claim religious faith, fifty percent are Baptist and Protestant and the other fifty percent are Catholic and Mormon.

Our Mormon neighbors teach that the New Testament Church became extinct with the death of the last of the twelve Apostles and was revived in the 19th century with the birth of Mormon apostle Joseph Smith. They also teach that as man is, God once was; and as God is, man shall be; the more descendants a man has, the greater god he shall be.

Mormons by the thousands have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament. This is why we need a Christian college in the West.

## \$50,000 FAITH CAMPAIGN

Arizona Baptists are now in the process of raising \$50,000, and victory looms in sight. Word has just come that the Prescott, Arizona Chamber of Commerce is nearing their goal of \$125,000, and that a man who is not a Christian has just given \$100,000.

Southern Baptists in Arizona cannot afford to pass up this opportunity to establish a distinctively Christian, Baptist college. We need the prayers and financial support of our Southern Baptist friends in the other 19 states, and especially in Mississippi.

Will you be one to give \$1.00 or more through your church or denominational headquarters to help us?

Write for further information to:

## The Baptist General Convention, College Fund

Willis J. Ray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

384 N. First Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona



## — Woman's Missionary Union —

President—Mrs. Whma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

The following information was sent to our Southern W.M.U. Headquarters by Mrs. Dewey Moore, in hopes that friends throughout the Southland would join in bringing happiness and relief to these brothers across the sea.

For names of those who belong to Italian Sunday Schools, write to W.M.U. office, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi. These boxes should start on their way as soon as possible, so write at once.

Of course I cannot begin to thank the groups who will have a part in this project. I can assure all that they will never know what their love and interest manifested in so many ways has meant and will mean to the Baptists of Italy. Many of our pastors have had no little anxiety as to what could be done to make Christmas for "their children" a time of happiness and joy. Funds in the churches here are limited to necessities of course and there is no money for even the little "extras" which come, often so unnoticed, to our own Children in America. It was after a story of the disappointment of one pastor last Christmas, that I made up my mind something should be done this year. I knew the young folks of America would love to show their love by sharing part of their Christmas.

MRS. DEWEY MOORE,

Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina, 35, Rome, Italy.

### CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN ITALY

#### WHEN TO SEND

Packages take from six weeks to three months to arrive. To insure arrival before Christmas, mail in the United States before the first of September. Things mailed during September will probably arrive in time, but anything sent later might be delayed and some Italian child, or group, will be disappointed. Many of the packages will have to be taken miles by visiting pastors or persons to a mountain or country Sunday School and time must be allowed for this (Last year a Christmas package sent to Genoa, Italy, in October, arrived in February).

#### HOW TO SEND

Note carefully the age and sex of the child for whom the gift is to be provided. In some cases the lists are of various ages and in others they are all children of a certain age group. If your local group decides to distribute the names among its members, take care to be sure that every child is provided for, make a final double-check so that no child will be left without a present when the box is opened. Wrap each gift separately in an attractive package and fasten the name of the intended recipient securely on it. In cases where the age is not given on the list, or when additional packages are included, state the age and sex of the person for whom the gift is appropriate on the package so that exchanges may be made here if necessary.

When all the gifts are ready they should be packed with care into large packing boxes, in over-all size not exceeding 72". The weight of each large carton must not exceed 11

pounds as with the relief packages mailed during the last three years. Be sure to write "G" post in large letters on the outside wrapper or duty may be charged in Italy.

In some cases all the gifts will go into one parcel. In other cases, several of the 11 pound boxes will be necessary. If the "sender" is noted as a person use different names because only one box per week may be mailed to the same person by the same "sender."

#### WHAT TO SEND

All gifts in a group-parcel should be as nearly the same value as possible. Generally speaking things which are wearable, useful and attractive are best. AVOID anything which has complicated instructions in English. Candy is almost a requisite in a Christmas package. We suggest that a small bag of candy be included for each child in addition to the gift. Hard candy which will not become sticky, pieces preferably wrapped separately in waxed paper, or the tins of hard candy or caramels obtainable at chain stores (these can be divided here) would be best. Paper napkins, in Christmas colors if possible, would make attractive wrappings for the candy packages. Individual packages of the "life-saver" type are also good.

For boys and girls of all ages and sizes: warm gloves, socks, woolen bed socks, pocket combs, caps for boys, head scarfs for girls, also hair ribbons, shirts, sweaters, trousers, dresses, etc.

For little children six and under: In addition to above suggestions, crayons, and coloring books, paper, pencils, picture books( no printing), warm clothes of any kind either new or as good as new.

The above are only suggestions. Many other attractive and inexpensive unbreakable gifts will be found in the Ten Cent Stores.

Your package will be acknowledged by the Sunday School which receives it. Don't be impatient, however, it may be several weeks or months before you get a reply. Many of the packages will be carried into mountain towns and country villages where there is no post office and where writing letters and mailing them present difficulties.

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### LEAKESVILLE PROGRESSES

The church at Leaksville is launching an enlarged program designed to serve the community in a larger way. Pastor M. E. Perry is looking forward to a busy winter along with the progressive leadership of his congregation. The added space will provide Sunday School rooms and a recreation hall 30x45 in which the young people of the church may find wholesome fellowship in the community. An outdoor activities program has been enjoyed during the summer. The indoor space will afford library facilities as well as a place for games and banquets.

Leaksville has as one aim, to be the ideal county seat church, and to serve the whole community as far as possible. (Editor's Note: Believe it or not, the Leaksville Church recently offered to raise the pastor's salary but he refused it.)

## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### .. TRIAL PLAN WORKS

A few weeks ago the Baptist Record was sent on trial to members of Covenant Church in Choctaw County. The pastor is Rev. C. F. Anglin. When the trial time was up Brother Anglin presented the matter to the church and the EVERY FAMILY plan was unanimously adopted.

Baptist Record subscribers in Choctaw County are now as follows: ACKERMAN, 97; BETHANY, 14; BETHELEM, 18; Beulah, 6; Blythe, 1; Clear Springs, 3; CONCORD, 55; COVENANT, 21; Crepe Creek, 8; Fellowship, 2; MT. MORIAH, 32; MT. PISGAH, 22; NEW ZION, 35; Providence, 5; WEIR, 50.

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### LEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rev. Roy M. Lewis of Shannon was re-elected Moderator in their annual meeting at Plantersville. B. J. Estes was re-elected Clerk and P. E. Mize was re-elected Treasurer.

Plantersville Church, of which Rev. J. D. Thompson is pastor, did a fine job of entertaining the association. The dinner was fit for a king or a queen and there were a lot of them there. The house was full.

We were given time to present the Baptist Record and several promises. Lee County Record readers are now listed as follows: Belden, were made.

3; Chesterville, 1; Euclatuba, 39; Gun-town, 14; Harrisburg, 173; Lime Stone, 1; Macedonia, 3; Nettleton, 47; Plantersville, 70; Pleasant Hill, 10; Priceville, 33; Saltino, 41; Shannon, 43; Sherman, 69; Tupelo, First, 227; Tupelo, Calvary, 246; Tupelo, East, 33; Verona, 76.

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### MONROE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Meeting with Becker Church, the Monroe County Association re-elected the following officers: Moderator, Rev. M. V. Owings; Assistant Moderator, W. R. Smith; Clerk, A. G. Taylor; Treasurer, I. B. Bright.

As always, Monroe Association gave me two good places on the morning program to speak about the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY plan and about my trip to Europe.

Rev. C. W. Thompson, pastor of the First Church, Aberdeen, preached the annual sermon. Many said that it was one of the best ever preached to the association. He spoke simply, earnestly and effectively on "The Great Commission."

Charts displayed at the association showed convincingly that the Baptist Record pays. The Baptist Record chart and the financial chart showed that the Monroe County churches, not counting the two larger town churches, that have the Baptist Record as a part of their program gave a total of \$338.96 through the Cooperative Program for the first six months of 1947. The churches that have few or no of \$338.96 through the Cooperative Baptist Record subscribers gave a total

## Wood Goes To Lumberton



Rev. J. W. Wood has resigned the pastorate at Slidell, Louisiana, in order to accept the work at Lumberton. He succeeds Rev. Paul Cranford who resigned to attend the Seminary.

Mr. Wood was formerly pastor at Lumberton and went from there to the First Church, Hammond, Louisiana. Following that, he served as chaplain in the Army Air Forces for 3 1-2 years, of which nearly 2 years were spent overseas. After his separation from the service, he accepted the pastorate of the First Church at Slidell, Louisiana.

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## Friends Mourn Passing Of Mrs. J. P. Harrington

Mrs. J. P. Harrington, widow of the late Rev. J. P. Harrington who preceded her in death by a few months, passed away in Jackson recently, following a long illness. She was active in Baptist work many years, and is especially remembered for her efforts at Parkway Baptist church in its early years, where Rev. Harrington was pastor. She served effectively in many capacities in the women's work in the association as well as in her local church. The funeral was conducted by Dr. W. A. Hewitt, and Dr. W. D. Hudgins of Jackson, who paid fitting tribute to her great life.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Earl Beck, Hughes, Ark.; two sons, Joseph P. and Paul B. Harrington, of Jackson; five brothers, Dr. O. R. Sigrest, Attala, Ala., Dr. E. A. Sigrest, Flora, H. L. Sigrest, Calleeville, Texas, Willie Sigrest, Memphis, C. R. Sigrest, Aberdeen; one sister, Mrs. Florence Cooper, Jackson; and six grandchildren.

Program for the first six months of 1947. The churches that have few or no Baptist Record subscribers gave a total of \$9.15. It was also noted that the Baptist Record churches paid better pastor's salaries and had better all-round reports than the non-Baptist Record churches.

Evidently it pays to have the Baptist Record going to the members of Baptist Churches.

Monroe County Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: ABERDEEN 206, AMORY 134, ATHENS 28, BECKER 56, Bigbee 6, Cason 9, CENTER HILL 22, Gregory Chapel 8, Prairie 11, Smithville 1, SPLUNGE 22, Central Grove 1.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

### Clinic Testimonials

"I thought we had one of the best Administration Clinics I have attended. It was largely due to the advance work in preparation."—Pauline Hargis, Sunday School Board.

"It was such a pleasure to work in the Clinic in Jackson. You are to be congratulated on the excellent response you had in the Clinic."—Mrs. Will S. McCraw, Sunday School Board.

"The meeting was wonderful! I certainly received much help and I pray that God will help me to use it to make ours a better Sunday School in numbers and spiritual growth."—Mrs. F. J. Plates, Biloxi.

"I feel that it was an outstanding week. Thanks for all that was done for us while in Jackson."—Allen Bryan, Sunday School Board.

"You are certainly to be congratulated upon the fine Clinic. I sincerely believe that considering everything involved your Clinic was one of the best that I have had the privilege of attending."—Herman L. King, Sunday School Board.

"We want to express to you our appreciation for all the wonderful things it was our privilege to hear at the Clinic. We came back feeling that we must be better Bible teachers after a week's training like that."—Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Thompson, Morgan City.

"Thanks for the privilege of sharing in one of our greatest clinics. Frankly, I didn't think Jackson could do it—I mean provide such a large regular attendance. Truly my hat is off to you and others who were responsible for it."—Mary Virginial Lee, Sunday School Board.

"I am writing to thank you again for the privilege of participation in your Sunday School Clinic. It was indeed a great success and I thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it. The attendance was splendid and the response most gratifying and encouraging. Congratulations!"—J. N. Barnette,

### Sunday School Board.

#### Get Prospect Conscious

No school reaches all of its people. Therefore, we always have prospects—unreached people.

One fine step in the enlargement of a Sunday school is for the officers and teachers to be prospect conscious. At every meeting of the officers and teachers the names of some prospects should be given out for visitation.

Frequently a school has many prospects at one time. The task seems so large as to become discouraging. It is much better to give out a few names at each meeting of the workers and urge them to visit them before the next meeting.

How may we find the prospects?

By taking a religious census, checking the Sunday School roll against the church roll, through information that comes from visitation, we can always have a list of prospects. Unless we continue to reach new people we shall lose in enrollment and attendance.

Therefore, let's be prospect conscious.

#### Reach the New Ones

The last Sunday in September each year is promotion day, and should be properly observed by every school. This is one of the fine ways to keep a school well graded, an essential matter in doing the best work.

So, at the beginning of October, classes will be receiving new pupils promoted from younger classes and departments.

However, let's reach some who are not now in any department. Let's not depend entirely on those promoted from a younger group for all the enrollment of a class. There are those in that age group not now enrolled.

So, let's strive to reach some of those not being promoted from a younger group. This will give us the new one, not in any class, and thus add another source of growth.

### SOME TITHING FACTS

1. Tithing is taught in the Bible (Lev. 27:30-34, Matt. 23:23).
2. The tithe is the tenth of one's increase or income (Deut. 14:22). Business expenses may be deducted before calculating the tithe but not living expenses.
3. The tithe is the first tenth, not the second, or last, or what is left over.
4. The tithe is to be used for the Lord's work (Num. 18:21).
5. The tithe should be brought to the Lord's house (Mal. 3:10).
6. The tithe is a law in the Old Testament (Lev. 27:30).
7. Tithing was approved by Christ (Luke 11:42).
8. The New Testament Christians gave more than a tithe (Acts 4:32-37).
9. God promised to bless the faithful tither (Mal. 3:10).
10. The tithe is a modest and reasonable requirement (Rom. 7:12).
11. Nothing less than a tithe is sufficient to express our gratitude to God and love for Christ (Ps. 116:12).
12. Tithing would solve our most difficult financial problems.
13. If all Southern Baptists would tithe through their churches we could double our local budgets, triple our missionary offerings and multiply the endowments of our institutions by four.
14. If a million Southern Baptists will tithe for even three months it will enable us to reach our financial goal this year, and help every cause we have—local, state, and worldwide.

### WILL YOU BE ONE?

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord" (Mal. 3:10)

## Monticello WMU Elects Officers

MONTICELLO, Sept. 18—Mrs. E. W. Clinton was unanimously re-elected to serve as president of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society and Mrs. W. C. Cannon was re-elected secretary.

Other officers elected at the Monday

afternoon final meeting of the society at the church for this association year were Mrs. E. E. Hear, first vice-president; Mrs. C. D. Rhymes, second vice-president; Mrs. P. K. McLain, third vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Selman, treasurer. Mrs. T. C. McCullough, Mrs. W. C. Cannon and Mrs. Vernon Ward served on the nominating committee.



Above is shown Dr. D. H. Hall, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., and chairman of the Chaplains' Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, receiving the War Department Certificate of Appreciation from Lieut. Gen. Alvin C. Gillem, Jr., Commanding General of the Third Army. Dr. Hall received the award on

behalf of the Chaplains' Commission of the Home Mission Board. In making the presentation Gen. Gillem said, "I can't say too much for the work of the Chaplains with the Armed Forces. Their presence and untiring efforts at all times and under any conditions was always an inspiration." Editors Note: Dr. Hall is a native of New Albany, Mississippi.

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## SPARKS &amp; SPLINTERS

At the annual meeting of the Tippah County Baptist Association, Rev. George Gay, Ripley, was elected moderator and Rev. C. J. Smyly, pastor of the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church of Blue Mountain was elected state board member.

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**BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. — Sept. 19** George W. Beswick, general chairman of the homecoming committee of the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, announces that the feature speakers for the homecoming on October 12 will be Dr. Frank Moody Purser, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, at the 11:00 o'clock hour, and Dr. D. A. McCall, Baptist State Mission Secretary, in the afternoon. Mr. Beswick stated that more than 1000 people are expected. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

I have no appointment on the second Sunday in each month and am available for supply on that Sunday if any one should need a supply. I shall thank you greatly for doing this. — **MADISON FLOWERS**, Goodman.

Evangelist A. D. Muse, Mississippian, but now living in Louisville, Kentucky, has written a very interesting booklet on "Child Crime—Cause and Cure". The introduction says "Six messages that go to the tap roots of the present maddened maelstrom of the every-rising flood of child crime and the licentious, lustful, lasciviousness of ungodly cowardly parents!" The price is 35c and orders should go to the author at P.O. Box 505, Louisville, Kentucky.

State Sunday School Secretary E. C. Williams has presented the Baptist Record with a copy of his book, "Bible Summary for Busy People". The book was first printed in 1937 and has recently been revised. The author's only aim and purpose in writing the book is to help busy people, with little time for reading and study, to a better understanding of the Bible. Brevity and simplicity make the book attractive and it will help anyone, either the busy man or the leisurely student. The price is 50c and orders should be sent to the author at P.O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

In renewing his subscription Dr. C. Earl Cooper, former pastor at Georgetown and Columbia and now Baptist pastor at North, South Carolina, writes "I await with eagerness each week the coming of the Baptist Record. It is like getting many letters from many of the dearest friends I have. One of the amazing things to me about the work in Mississippi is the tremendous energy manifested by two of Mississippi's leading Baptist men: namely, Drs. Goodrich and McCall."

One of the Baptist Record's best friends is Rev. Z. B. McAlpin. He recently sent in a nice list from Galilee Church in Rankin County.

Miss Mary Kate Lowrey, Clarksdale, has been elected freshman representative on the Student Council of Blue Mountain College for the first month of the session.

The Committee on Order of Business will meet early in October to make up the program for the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will be held in Jackson November 17-19, 1947. The Committee will welcome suggestions and requests from any or all members of the Convention. Please give your suggestions in writing to some member of the Committee.—G. C. HODGE, Chairman, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Dr. Hugh Brimm has been elected executive secretary of the Social Service Commission. (Editor's Note: Dr. Brimm is a graduate of Mississippi College.)

During the month of September all of the sermons preached in the First Baptist Church of Biloxi, Rev. G. C. Hodge, pastor, are on stewardship.

David Christiansen of Southwestern Baptist Seminary '28 wishes to announce that, after several years of teaching in Bible Schools and directing church choirs, he is available for evangelistic meetings in which he has had wide experience. He asks that those who remember him to consider him not only as a pianist, but as a song leader and chalk artist. He will be available around October 15th and can be contacted through Seminary Hill, Texas.

On the 64th anniversary of starting baseball, Connie Mack, active manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, gave the following testimony on his good health: "I do not drink or smoke, and eat sparingly."

The first picture to be produced by the Protestant Film Commission, "Beyond Our Own" will be shown in more than 100 major cities in the United States on November 10. The picture has to deal with world evangelism and the star is from Hollywood, DeForrest Kelley, the son of an Atlanta, Georgia, retired Baptist minister.

I am a little thing with a big meaning. I help everybody. I unlock doors, open hearts, dispel prejudice. I create friendship and good will. I inspire respect and admiration. Every body loves me. I bore no one. I violate no law. I cost nothing. Many have praised me, none has ever condemned me. I am pleasing to those of high and low degree. I am useful every moment of the day. . . I am courtesy.

**WASHINGTON, D.C. —(BP)—** Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas has returned from the Baptist World Congress at Copenhagen with a missing front tooth. He explains that it was not the result of a fight. The truth is that he simply broke it off trying to bite a piece of French bread. "The bread in France is not only too short, but it's much too hard," he explained with a grin that revealed the snagged dental front. Editor's Note: I hereby certify that the above is a true description.

Deacon H. Lee Herring of Ruleville writes that Sunflower Association meets at Moorhead on October 9 instead of October 10 as previously stated.

Rayford Rogers, who served as Young Peoples' Worker at Northside Church, Jackson for almost a year, has recently gone to New Orleans for further study, first at Tulane and later at the New Orleans Seminary for a life work in Christian education. He is serving as an Educational Worker in the Third Street Baptist Church, which grew out of the Rachel Simms Mission. Rayford meant a great deal to the Youth while at Northside and the powerful influence of his noble spirit will live on and on.

The Baptist Record is grateful for a recent renewal list from New Providence, Leake County. The list and check and some new names were sent by Mrs. Nadine Waggoner, Church Clerk. The Baptist Record is rich in friends throughout the state.

Sunday afternoon, August 10, Phynes Church ordained the following deacons: Jack Ramsey, Lester Hall, Joe Wolfe, H. E. Shook, William Tribble, and Floyd Brown. The presbytery was composed of Rev. Tildon S. McGee, Rev. Charles Magee, Dr. N. J. Milstead, and the pastor of the Phynes Church, Rev. Charles Everitt, and the following deacons: Spencer J. Brown, Mack C. Shook, and Joe Tribble.

An old tried and trusted friend of the Baptist Record is Rev. P. H. Young of Roxie. He recently sent in a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Spring Hill like that enable the Baptist Record to have a circulation of more than 58,000 each week.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Eastside Church, Rankin County, held their business meeting at the church Monday night, September 15. An interesting program was given on "The American Indians," which was high-lighted by a talk made by the president of the Union, Mrs. L. S. Polk. Mrs. Polk has recently returned from a trip to the West Coast during which she and Rev. Polk visited the Baptist Missions in the Indian territories of New Mexico and Arizona.

## Southern Baptist Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN,  
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH,  
Editor, THE COMMISSION

Secretary Baker J. Cauthen sends a report of impressions on our work in Japan after a visitation of the Japanese churches in company with Missionary Edwin Dozier. The Japanese people appreciate the kindness and friendliness of the American soldiers and do not hesitate to talk with them. Much damage was done to our Baptist work. Eight church buildings were destroyed but the school plants at Fukuoka and Kokura, the first for boys and the other for girls, were damaged only slightly. The college, seminary, boys' school, and women's training school at Fukuoka have a combined enrollment of 2400 students. The girls' school at Kokura has a student body of more than 800. The sixteen churches with which Southern Baptists have been identified in Japan withdrew from Kyodan or the Union Church and have organized a Japan Baptist convention. Japanese Baptists are hopeful and courageous.

Secretary Cauthen expresses the opinion that we must send to Japan the missionaries now under appointments as soon as possible, and within the next five years appoint at least 60 new missionaries. We have been able thus far, on account of housing conditions, to send only three to Japan since VJ-Day, but we hope that a number of other missionaries will be in Japan by the end of the year. Southern Baptists were slow, about getting into Japan, then with relatively few missionaries. God has given us another opportunity and we must not fail this time.

The Japan convention is planning a program of advance. The Baptists of Japan will, of course, take the leadership in their evangelistic, educational, publication, medical, and orphanage work. But Southern Baptists must reinforce them in every way possible.

At the September meeting of the Board a new missionary, Finlay Morrison Graham, was appointed to Nazareth, Palestine. He was born and reared in Scotland. He has a Master's degree from Glasgow University and is

The Baptist Record greatly appreciates a very complimentary letter from Rev. Robert Hughes of McComb. In sending his renewal he states that the paper is good enough by itself.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Mrs. Curtis Rollins of Mt. Pleasant Church, Amite County, for a nice list of subscriptions which she sent in a few weeks ago. Such friends have enabled the Baptist Record to reach an alltime high of 58,000 circulation weekly.

C. H. Ryan, Clerk, and Kewanee Church, Lauderdale County, believe in the Baptist Record. He recently sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions of 32 names.

If all pastors holding meetings this summer had done as well as Rev. Phil J. Walker the paper shortage would be worse than it is. He did the preaching in a revival at Oma and sent the Record six Oma subscriptions and three to go to Tennessee.

Rev. R. L. Cooke, pastor of Stewart Church, writes that in the recent revival there were 27 additions, 17 by baptism, instead of 25 additions and 16 for baptism, as reported in a recent issue.

a thoroughgoing Baptist. During his service in the Royal Air Force during the war he became deeply interested in working with the Moslem Arabs. Last year when he was released from service he returned to Palestine and began mission work among the Arabs "with a few praying friends to back him." Nine months after attending the language school in Palestine he was preaching to the Arabs in their own language, winning their hearty commendation thereby. While in school he met Mrs. Julia Hagood, whom he married September 10. They plan to do evangelistic work in Trans-Jordania. Mr. Graham is heartily commended by Secretaries Rankin and Sadler and Pastor Theodore F. Adams who had conferences with him in Copenhagen; also, by Miss Kate Ellen Cruver of Nazareth, who is home this year on furlough.

At the meeting of the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, September 11, the name of the relief center at New Orleans, maintained by Southern Baptists, was changed to Southern Baptist Relief Center. This phase of our relief work will be coordinated with the relief program of the Baptist World Alliance, promoted through the Relief Committee of the Alliance, of which Dr. Paul Caudill of Memphis is chairman. Our Baptist people who have visited Europe in recent weeks and have seen the suffering in nearly all the countries visited, are of the opinion that we must do far more for our fellow Baptists in war-stricken lands. We must not let them perish from cold and hunger. We must increase our shipments of clothing through the facilities offered for distribution of relief, particularly among our fellow Baptists in Europe. The most effective methods for implementing this program will be worked out in conjunction with the World Baptist Relief committee and information given to Southern Baptists through various channels of publicity.

Treasurer Buxton's report submitted at the September meeting shows total receipts of the Foreign Mission Board for the first eight months of \$3,689,904, compared with \$3,264,561 the corresponding period last year. The receipts through the Co-operative Program for August were \$320,646.04, compared with \$269,064.85 for August 1946.

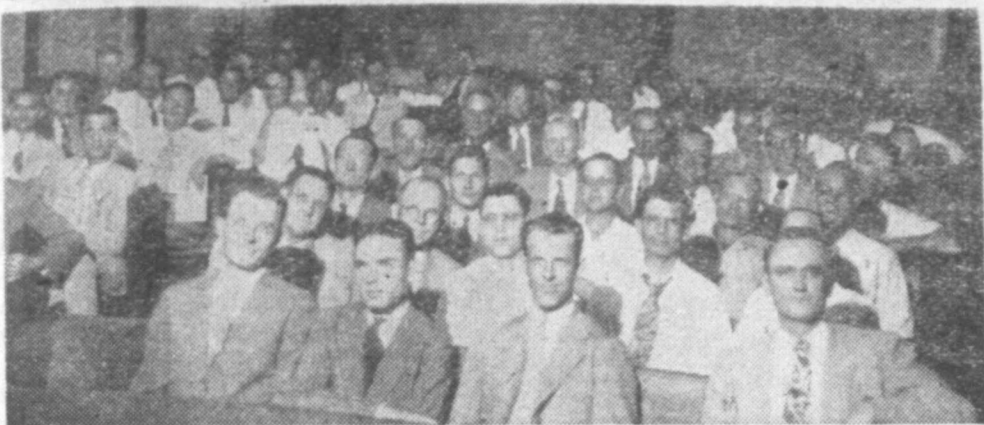
Secretary George W. Sadler is spending several weeks visiting our mission fields in Nigeria. He will probably return the last of October.—Secretary Rankin returned from the Baptist World Congress with the conviction that the Copenhagen meeting gave new courage to European Baptists, and gave our own people a deeper realization of our obligation to minister unto European Baptists in their great need.—Miss Majorie Moore visited our mission fields in Italy and Spain after the Copenhagen Congress and will give to Southern Baptists through THE COMMISSION interesting stories concerning our works in Europe.





## Brotherhood Department

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The above is a picture of the Lauderdale County Brotherhood, made at their quarterly meeting held Monday evening, September 8, at Highland Baptist Church, Meridian. This is one of the very active Brotherhoods in our State and has been through the

years. They elected the following officers to serve during the new year: Elgy Yarbrough, President; Oscar Yarbrough, Membership Vice-President; Harvey Collins, Program Vice-President; M. F. Rayburn, Activities Vice-

President; C. D. Shields, Secretary-Treasurer.

### Gulf Coast Association Meets

The Gulf Coast Brotherhood Association met at Handsboro Church on Tuesday evening, September 9. A very splendid program was rendered, the main topic discussed being "The Brotherhood's Part in the Tithing Campaign." This has been the feature in each of the associational meetings due to the fact that this is preparation month in each of the association month for our effort to enlist a million tithers. The following officers were re-elected for the coming year: Bro. O. H. Longcoy, President; Bro. R. O. Bickerstaff, Membership Vice-President; Bro. Robert B. Camp, Program Vice-President; Rufus Carter, Secretary-Treasurer.

### First Church, Gulfport, Re-organizes

First Baptist Church, Gulfport, has re-organized its Brotherhood and elected permanent officers. Sometime ago they voted to re-organize and elected temporary officers, but they

have now elected a fine group of men to serve for the coming year. They are: W. N. (Billy) Gist, President; W. A. Starkey, Membership Vice-President; Luther Maples, Program Vice-President; H. E. Paulsell, Activities Vice-President; J. Z. Powell, Secretary; and Joe Rasplair, Treasurer.

According to A. M. Ronnell, clerk of the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, 217 students of Blue Mountain College have already joined the church here—115 of them having joined last Sunday.

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E. D. HEAD, President

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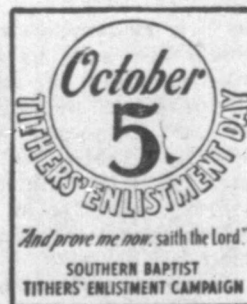
SOUTHWESTERN Baptist Theological Seminary this fall enters the fortieth year of its inspiring history. During her years of service she has trained young men and young women for religious work at home and abroad, a recent tabulation showing that 250 foreign missionaries and 193 home missionaries have gone from her halls. Enrollment last session was 1,376.

Two new buildings are considered

"musts" for the Seminary in the training of her large student body. One is the Scarborough-Truett Memorial Building, honoring two great Texans who contributed so much of their lives to development of the institution, and the other is for the School of Religious Education, dedicated to preparing leaders for all educational work in the churches. Your tithe will make these buildings a reality.

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## New Testament Ministry

By T. B. Maston

Baptists believe that the Bible is the final authority in every phase of their faith and practice. Since this is true we should periodically re-examine our program to see if we are conforming to the New Testament pattern. It is possible for great religious groups to drift away from their original principles. The traditional may be defended as biblical without a willingness to evaluate those traditions in the light of an objective study of the Bible.

A careful consideration of the New Testament conception of the ministry may challenge some of our current attitudes and practices. . .

1. God's basic call was and is a call to minister or to serve rather than a call to preach, to teach, or to perform some other particular function. For example Paul many times speaks of himself as a minister (Acts 26:16; Rom. 15:16; 1 Cor. 3:5 4:1; 2 Cor. 6:4; 11:23; Eph. 3:7) and of his work as the ministry (Acts 20:24; Rom. 11:13; 1 Tim. 1:12). Paul likewise referred to a number of his friends as ministers (Eph. 6:21; Col. 1:7; 4:7; 1 Thess. 3:2; 1 Tim. 4:6) and of their work as the ministry (Col. 4:17; 2 Tim. 4:5).

In contrast Paul speaks of himself as a preacher in only two places (1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11) and in both of these he also refers to himself as "an apostle" and "a teacher."

2. In the New Testament the call to the ministry was primarily a call to an attitude or a frame of mind rather than to an office. It was a call to a sense of stewardship and divine partnership in the work of the Lord. The one called was a minister for God to the people.

The emphasis on the element of service in the call is seen in the Greek words that are translated "minister" or "ministry". The word most frequently used was *diakonos*, from which we get our word deacon and which means servant or laborer and was used to designate waiters or those who served tables. Two other words translated "minister" are *leitourgos* which referred primarily to a public worker or servant and *huparetas* which means "an assistant" or literally an "under-rower."

This attitude of service as the central element in the New Testament call to the ministry is under-scored by the fact that Paul (Rom. 1:1; Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:1), Peter (2 Peter 1:1), James (1:1), and Jude (1:1) all used the term slave (*doulos*) to describe their relation to Christ.

3. Preaching, teaching, and other activities were functions within the broader framework of the New Testament ministry. These functions were and are methods; they are means to an end. The end is to minister or to serve (see Eph. 4:11-16).

It is clear from the New Testament and from Christian experience that it is God's will for some to give themselves primarily to the preaching ministry, to the teaching ministry, to evangelism, etc. The call as we find it in the New Testament is basically to minister and there are different functions within the ministry that are channels through which the one called of God seeks to fulfill the requirements of his ministry.

4. The sharp distinction so frequently made today between those "in the ministry" or the clergy and the laymen did not exist in the New Testament churches. We cannot find any

biblical justification for the restriction of the public proclamation of the gospel to those who have been "ordained as preachers of the gospel." The disciples when they were scattered from Jerusalem, due to persecution, "went about preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). Many of these were evidently ordinary disciples. At least two of the seven (Stephen and Philip), who were doubtless forerunners of the deacons, were effective preachers and evangelists.

5. The references we find in the New Testament to an "ordination service" suggest a comparatively simple service of laying on of hands and prayer (Acts 13:3; 1 Tim. 4:14). This laying on of hands was primarily a symbol that the individual had been set apart or consecrated to a particular purpose to which God had called him.

In the case of Paul and Barnabas this service set them aside to minister to the Gentile world. Whether or not they had been dedicated previously to the broader work of the ministry we do not and cannot know.

## Practical Consequences

What would be the results in the lives of ministers, in the work of our churches, and in our denomination if we took seriously the New Testament message concerning the ministry?

1. It would give to all of us who are in vocational religious service a deeper sense of purpose in our work. Whether we preach, teach, sing, counsel, edit a paper, or administer a denominational program our chief call and task is to serve God and our fellowman. Seeing that these activities are means or methods we would tend to enter into them with renewed enthusiasm. Our hearts would be warmed and inspired. We would be saved from the inertia of professionalism.

2. Rightly understood the New Testament conception of the ministry would give to all who have been called of God a deepening sense of stewardship. We would not say in a bragging manner ours is the greatest calling in the world. Ours is not a call to some high, exalted office. It is a call to a great responsibility.

3. The New Testament view of the ministry would also save us from jealousy and bickering within the ministry. There is no room within the New Testament ministry for any sense of superiority or inferiority. There are no big and little men in God's ministry except as they are big or little in the unselfish service they render for God and to their fellowman.

4. If generally understood and widely accepted this New Testament conception of the ministry would help many young people to find more readily the will of God for their lives. They would see that the basic call is a call to the

ministry and that within that wider framework there are many types or methods of service. They could work out, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the exact type of ministry to which they would give their main emphasis. Some who have found that they are misfits in a particular type of service would not feel forced to continue in that phase of the ministry. There would not be the criticism that we now have when one who "has been called to preach" turns to teaching, to editing a denominational paper, or serving in some administrative capacity. How often have you heard it said "one who is called to preach"? How different it would be if all of our people realized that the individual was called to minister. Whether he preaches, teaches, or performs some other type of service is secondary to this basic call and is to be used as a channel through which he will, in part, fulfill his ministry for God to man.

5. The above conception of the ministry would help our churches and our denomination to settle the present uncertainty concerning the ordination of those called of God to vocational religious service but who do not feel, at least for the present, that their work is to be the preaching ministry. The controversy concerning the "ordination" of such workers has grown out of a misunderstanding concerning the nature of the New Testament ministry and of the "ordination" service of the New Testament churches. When we remember that New Testament ordination was a simple service of dedication to a particular task and that the New Testament ministry included evangelists and teachers as well as preachers our problem will be solved.

6. The New Testament conception of the ministry would restore to the average church member a keener sense of responsibility for the work of his church and of the kingdom of God around the world. He would see that Christ did not give a single command exclusively to a select group—the clergy. All of his obligations were placed on all his disciples. Every individual who knows Christ as Savior is to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. This he is to do in and through the church but also in and through his business or profession. About the only difference between the one called to God's ministry and "the layman" is that the former more exclusively centers his service in the church. The work of the church is so complex and so important that some men must dedicate most of their time, if not all of it, to the church and its work.

Let us as Baptists rething our attitude toward certain of our policies concerning the ministry. If we are out of harmony at any point with the New Testament let us have the courage to admit our error and correct our way. It may be that, in our view and practice concerning the ministry, we have been influenced to some degree by the Roman Catholic Church. If this be true let us rid our-



Above is shown the ground breaking ceremony held on July 27 at the Mt. Pleasant church in Amite county. Mrs. George Rollins, one of the oldest members, is seen moving the dirt in the new project of erecting a concrete block building which will include auditorium, Sunday school and B.T.U. rooms. In a revival held at this time, Bobbie Wilson did the preaching. There were 10 additions by baptism.

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## Brotherhood Encourages Churches To Advertise

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(BP)—Baptist Brotherhood of Shelby Association have voted to encourage local Baptist churches to increase their church advertising "to a point of appeal comparable to that which is being made in the commercial world."

The resolution asked churches to include funds for the advertising in their budgets. "We understand that this will call for large advertising budgets, but we are convinced that no better investment of our Lord's money could be made than by placing his Gospel and the blessings and benefits of his churches before the masses of our people," the report said. "This effort will contemplate use of the radio, newspapers, billboards and all other legitimate mediums of advertising."

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## John W. Steen, Jr., Ordained By First Church, Jackson

Services ordaining John W. Steen, Jr., to the Baptist ministry were held at the First Baptist church Sunday night, Sept. 14.

Dr. Douglas Hudgins, pastor, delivered the ordination sermon, and the charge was made by Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor emeritus.

Owen Cooper represented the church in presenting a fine Bible to the young minister, who is a senior of Baylor University, the Baptist school of Texas, and pastor of the Baptist church at Peoria, Texas.

The ceremony of laying-on-of-hands was participated in by a half dozen ordained ministers and two-score ordained deacons present.

elves of such influence and return to the pure New Testament conception of the ministry.

(Editor's Note: This address was given by the brilliant Professor Maston at a Southwestern Seminary chapel some time ago. We reprint excerpts from it.)